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SUBJ: FEBRUARY 13 EC FONMINS' MEETING; CSCE

1. ON FEBRUARY 14, IRISH (DORR, CAMPBELL AND MCKERNAN) GAVE US BRIEFING ON CSCE DISCUSSIONS AT PREVIOUS DAY'S MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. (OTHER SUBJECTS SEPTTEL.) NO CSCE DECISIONS OR NEW INITIA-
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TIVES WERE TAKEN AT MEETING. ITS MAJOR FUNCTION, IN FACT, WAS

TO KEEP MINISTERS INFORMED OF COMPLEX CSCE WORK THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE BY POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND EXPERTS. MINISTERS EXPRESSED "GUARDED OPTIMISM" THAT CSCE NEGOTIATIONS COULD SOON BE CONCLUDED SATISFACTORILY.

2. CBM'S - MAIN POINT IRISH WISH TO MAKE IS THAT EC HAS NOT ADOPTED ANY RIGID POLICY ON LINKING CBM'S AND PRINCIPLES DECLARATION. IRISH HAVE TAKEN CAREFUL NOTE OF AMB SHERER'S REMARKS IN NAC FEBRUARY 7, AND THEY WISH DISPEL IMPRESSION THAT EC TOOK TACTICAL DECISION WITHOUT CONSULTING US. DURING FONMINS' DISCUSSIONS,

QUESTION OF US CONCERN WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED, BUT PARTICIPANTS WERE OBVIOUSLY AWARE OF IT. SOME DELEGATIONS (BRITISH AND ITALIANS) PROBABLY SHARE AMERICAN ATTITUDES. FOREIGN MINISTERS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT CSCE TACTICS ARE STILL FLEXIBLE. THERE IS NO EC INSISTENCE, IN STRICT NEGOTIATING SENSE, ON LINKAGE BETWEEN CBM'S AND PRINCIPLES. MINISTERS DID, HOWEVER, GIVE A ROUTINE ENDORSEMENT TO TWO DOCUMENTS WHICH EXPRESS A GENERAL DESIRE TO ACHIEVE ALL GOALS IN FIRST BASKET BY END OF FIRST READING. THESE DOCUMENTS ARE:

(A) CONCLUSIONS OF LAST POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING, AND

(B) "ORAL REPORT" PREPARED BY IRISH EC PRESIDENCY. WE ASKED FOR A COPY OF THE "ORAL REPORT," WHICH, DESPITE ITS TITLE, IS OBVIOUSLY AVAILABLE IN WRITTEN FORM. IRISH DID NOT FEEL ABLE TO GIVE US THE PAPER BUT, IN AN ASIDE, COMMENTED THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY GET IT FROM OUR NATO ALLIES. (POLITICAL DIRECTORS' REPORT HAS APPARENTLY BEEN SEEN BY USNATO ALREADY.) IRISH REITERATED THAT, WHILE MINISTERS' DISCUSSION WAS BASED ON THESE TWO DOCUMENTS, THERE WAS NOTHING MANDATORY IN MINISTERS' CONCLUSIONS.

3. PRINCIPLES --

(A) PEACEFUL CHANGE: EC NINE IS STILL HOLDING TO AMERICAN FORMULA. (IRISH COMMENTED INFORMALLY THAT THEY HOPE AMERICANS ARE ALSO STILL HOLDING TO AMERICAN FORMULA.)

(B) QUADRIPARTITE RIGHTS SAVING CLAUSE: THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF FRENCH TEXT BUT NO NEW DECISIONS.

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RM BASKET II - NO DISCUSSION.

5. BASKET III - THERE WAS A SUMMARY OF PROGRESS BUT NO DECISIONS.

6. FOLLOW-UP - CONSENSUS OF MINISTERS WAS THAT EC WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE ANY "QUASI-PERMANENT" INSTITUTIONS CREATED AS AN IMMEDIATE

RESULT OF CSCE. EC CAN, HOWEVER, ACCEPT DESIRABILITY OF SOME CSCE FOLLOW-UP AS A CONTRIBUTION TO DETENTE. EC WOULD PREFER TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT DEVELOPS AFTER ACCORDS ARE SIGNED.

7. MEDITERRANEAN - WORK ON A DECLARATION IS GOING AHEAD. THE MALTESE DRAFT IS BEING IGNORED AS POLITELY AS POSSIBLE.
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